

ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL

Executive Board Meeting Minutes May 3, 2001

I. Call to Order. The Council was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Tim Smothers. A count of Board Members established that a quorum was not present. (See attached list of Board Members present).

III. Budget Update. Santiago Garcia, acting as an Alternate Representative for Lynn Larson, reported on the status for the AGIC and AGIC Conference Budget. The Conference Budget did not change since the last meeting. The AGIC Budget showed 5 new contributions including Geological Survey, Department of Revenue, Department of Economic Security, AZ State University, and Department of Transportation. DOT was listed with 2 contributions - \$3,000 and \$1000, however, the accuracy of the figure was unknown. Victor Gass, from AZ Dept. of Environmental Quality, stated that they have paid \$1,000, as well as Sally Powers from AZ Game and Fish Department. The status of those contributions would be researched.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the March 15, 2001 meeting. A quorum was not established, disallowing the approval of the minutes. The approval would be sought at the next meeting.

V. Subcommittee Reports.

A. Administration and Legal Subcommittee Report.

Sally Powers explained that Mike Kunzmann, a colleague at the University of Arizona, was in a serious car accident. She began passing a card around for the attendees to sign and to be mailed to Mike. She also announced an idea to present a plaque to Tony Gonzales' family for his efforts in serving the Arizona GIS community. Because a quorum was not present, Gene suggested that the expense for the plaque could be provided by the Cartographer's Office. An informal vote in support of the plaque was in unanimous agreement.

AGIC Strategic Plan

Tim said that a group formed since the last AGIC meeting to discuss issues such as the vision, mission and objectives of AGIC and how they have changed since the original strategic plan. The group came up with a draft vision statement - "The vision of AGIC is the widespread use of credible, timely, and accurate geographic information for use by decision makers and citizens of Arizona". The group consisted of Gene Trobia, Dave Minkel, and Jana Fry. The group also came up with a mission statement - "To coordinate development and management of geographic information in Arizona, promote GIS use and technology to address problems, develop plans and manage resources". A list of 5 objectives was also created. To promote AGIC, the group thought an informative brochure could be created.

A streamlined strategic plan outline was created, serving as a beginning point to a slimmer strategic plan. As part of the process, the group drafted two letters to be mailed to the directors of all AGIC Executive Board agencies and selected non-member agencies. The letter would ask for the top issues facing the agency, with the purpose of helping better define the AGIC strategic

plan. A questionnaire was also passed out to the Board members asking them to identify the top 3-5 AGIC priorities. They were also asked to suggest new agencies for the AGIC Board. The Board Members were asked to turn in the questionnaire by the end of the meeting.

Gene further explained that a small group came together to start addressing the strategic plan. A larger group of about 7 has also commented on the progress. Jami Garrison suggested that the letter to the member agencies should include the name of the agency representative. Russ Heisinger asked who was representing the counties on the Board. Gene responded that Rod Hampton was through the Arizona Association of Counties. Jim Reidmann suggested that large companies that deal with geographic data may be interested in being involved with AGIC.

B. Data Resources

Statewide DOQQ Acquisition

Santiago Garcia explained the status of DOQQ acquisition. The acquisition involves the BLM State Office, Arizona State Land Department, AZ Game & Fish Department, and the U.S. Geological Survey. The Land Department has entered into a cooperative agreement with the BLM, who has a contract to produce 4 value-added products. The original data format is separate files for each quarter-quad, in color infra-red or black and white, and in UTM projection NAD83. The Game & Fish Department has ordered the DOQQs for the northern part of the state from the USGS. Tom Sturm, from the USGS, organized the data into one degree blocks, a requirement of the contractor. Dave Wilson, from the BLM State Office, was organizing the data in the southern part of the state into one degree blocks. The contract will result in the following products:

1. Original USGS DOQQs organized by 1 degree blocks and put on media, NAD83
2. DOQQs transformed into NAD27 and organized by 1 degree blocks and put on media
3. DOQQs mosaiced, color balanced, and compressed using ER-Mapper format into ½ degree blocks and in NAD83
4. Same as above except in NAD27

The project will proceed in phases. Small parts of the state will be completed over time. Gene further explained that the ARIA website will continue to serve as the public distribution point. This project will focus on sharing the data with member agencies. The data is being organized into ½ degree blocks to make updating easier, and allow a block of data to be saved onto a CD. The cost of the project is estimated to be about \$70,000. Tom also added that most of the DOQQs were photographed in 1992 or 1997. Joan Laurence asked what the potential uses of the data are. Gene replied that they can be used to extract vector data from and to correct existing data. Rick Harrington, from Pima County, stated that aerial photography can be used as a backdrop and especially useful in rural areas. Sally thanked Tom for all his help with the large data orders.

VI. Miscellaneous Announcements

Tim announced an initiative being pushed by the BLM to Congress for \$15 million to be used for cadastral integration. There is already \$7 million budgeted for the WGA initiative to be taken to a national level. In response to an email from Gene, Tim sent letters to Representative Wamp and Senator McCain supporting the initiative. Gene stated that there was very little time

available to respond to the request for letters of support, but there was a good response from the counties as well as the Department of Revenue and the Land Department.

Joan Laurence wanted to thank the Land Department for the map showing the applications for Alternative Fuel within a geographic context.

Victor Gass asked when the next discussion of the strategic plan was going to take place and suggested an extended meeting to go over the plan. He would volunteer to help organize the meeting. Tim thought that a good time frame would be to present the AGIC Strategic Plan at the SWUG meeting in October. That would present September as a possible time for a planning meeting.

VII. Call to the Public

None

VIII. Next Meeting & Location

Next meeting July 19, 2001 at 1:30 pm. Location TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm

Board Members Present:

Joan Laurence

Jami Garrison - A

Sally Powers

Tom Sturm

Rick Harrington - A

Shea Lemar -A

Craig Wissler

Rick Trapp - A

Gene Trobia -A

Victor Gass

Tim Smothers

Santiago Garcia - A

A- Alternate